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SUBJECT:IV GROUP PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH AFL-CIO
CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 19-DECEMBER 18, 1977

REF: STATE A-1228, MARCH 11, 1977

1. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR ARE ORGANIZING A
30-DAY PROGRAM FOR HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS,
COORDINATED WITH ATTENDANCE AT THE BIENNIAL AFL-CIO CONVEN-
TION AT LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER, 1977. THIS PROGRAM IS
AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF FREE AND INDEPENDENT
TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPING NATIONS AND AT SUPPORTING THE
STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING INTER ALIA WORKER
RIGHTS SUCH AS FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THE RIGHT TO
ORGANIZE. THE PROGRAM IS FURTHER INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN
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LINES OF COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING AND RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN FOREIGN TRADE UNION LEADERS AND THEIR US COUNTER-
PARTS, AND TO ENABLE MUTUAL DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON TRADE UNION
PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IN COMING MONTHS.

2. PROGRAM: THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN WASHINGTON WITH

HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND LABOR AND AT THE AFL-CIO OF RECENT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS STRUCTURAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS OF UNIONS AND FREE WORLD DEVELOPMENTS. FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON SESSIONS, VISITS TO US UNIONS, INDUSTRY AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OF MATTERS OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE ORGANIZED. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED, IF DESIRED. A SPECIAL PROGRAM WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC). THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE WITH OBSERVATION OF THE 12TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AFL-CIO WHICH TAKES PLACE IN LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 8-16. AS GUESTS, PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CONFER WITH CONVENTION DELEGATES AND OTHER VISITORS.

3. PARTICIPATION: TRADE UNION LEADERS LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS NOMINEES FOR CU GRANTS FOR THIS PROJECT:

A. EGYPT: SAAD MOHAMED AHMED, PRESIDENT, EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, 90, EL GALAA STREET, CAIRO, EGYPT.

B. TUNISIA: HABIB ACHOUR, SECRETAIRE GENERAL, UNION UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERALE TUNISIENNE DU TRAVAIL, 29, PLACE M'HAMED ALI, TUNIS, TUNISIA.

POSTS MAY, HOWEVER, IN CONSULTATION WITH LABOR ATTACHES AND LABOR REPORTING OFFICERS, PREFER TO NOMINATE ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES, IF THE SUGGESTED LEADER IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT. IN ANY CASE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF POSTS COULD INDICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THEY INTEND TO NOMINATE LEADERS ON THE LIST OR PROPOSE ALTERNATES, SO THAT THE AFL-CIO CAN FORWARD INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF INVITATION AND WELCOME TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS. COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND INFORMATION ON LANGUAGE ABILITY AND ON THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF THE NOMINEES, ESPECIALLY ALTERNATES TO THOSE ON THE LIST, SHOULD BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PERMIT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT TO DEVISE WORTHWHILE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PROGRAMS. INTERPRETER SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AS NEEDED.

4. COSTS: COSTS WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR 30-DAY IV

GRANTS WITH 45 DOLS PER DIEM AND WILL BE CHARGED TO POSTS' FY-1978 GRANT ALLOCATIONS.

5. ACTION: POSTS SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT WHETHER
OR NOT THEY INTEND TO NOMINATE LEADERS ON THE ABOVE
LIST OR SHOULD PROVIDE THE NAMES, TITLES, AND ESSENTIAL
BIODATA OF ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1.
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